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Interface Advisory Board Meeting Minutes / November 6, 2013

Welcome 9:00 am

October minutes were received & accepted

1. Board Members completed an updated sign in sheet including titles, company names and e-mail.
2. Interface brochure was reviewed for updates. Donna Scalia suggested promoting for additional employers. Suggestions were made for changes and were written on the brochure and returned to Bert. Emily mentioned the "old" brochure which has an acronym for Interface.
3. Board members were encouraged to recommend any companies that would like to become a member. It was suggested that a person with a disability to become a member, but this would have to be discussed with Anthony Cuzzola first. Ed Hoff will mention this at his SILK meeting.
4. Bert spoke about opening a sterile processing program / to be discussed with outside hospitals. Some have already opened this type of training program. We will wait to see how their program develops before ours is considered to be taken to the next step.
5. Jackson Twp., Ocean County planning board approved a six acre green house to be built, further supporting that there will be an increasing number of jobs in agri-business.
6. Recycling project is going well. Recycled equipment is collected in several locations JFK-wide, then is package up then sent out for re-imbursement. Suggested to contact the Volunteer Dept. to help with contacting companies, pick up used equipment, packing it and shipping.
7. Asked Board about new recycling projects. Ellen Leinfuss had contact with CEO/Panera's. Praised him for how happy her son is at his job. Bert suggested that Ellen talk to him about COD and about business mentorship and job opportunities.
8. Voc. Rehab. Marketing....Ellen discussed Student CDP.....42 students in programs, 22 districts.....Halloween party....planning Thanksgiving dinner, and thank your for supervisors. The Holiday trip will be to Madame Tussauds in New York City and then Bubba Gump for lunch. A parent night is scheduled for November 14th.
9. Last years outcome reviewed.....OT's during the summer do travel training. Access link options were discussed. Ed Hoff spoke about Marianne Vall's article on NJT Facebook....."Independence in Getting Around NJT."
10. Bert Next meeting discuss Adult Population Outcomes.....5 Lab, 6 CAT.....programs going good, but referrals slow. Graduates in both programs getting jobs..... 13-14 hires/last 6 months from both programs. Asked if we see an employment surge during the holidays....answer....no. Also not aware of any upcoming job fairs. Ellen spoke about the last job fair she attended that had only 6 employers. Anne Schiadaresis told the Board about the web site, "Jobs4Jersey.com"

11. Minimum wage increase was discussed briefly. Voc Rehab needs to adjust salaries when minimum wage increases.
12. Board members were told that the CAT/Lab graduation is scheduled for Friday, November 15th, at the Conference Center, at 7:00 and all are welcome to attend.
13. Ellen gave thanks to Al Sczweck for the 2014 calendar that will be printed up by J&J.
14. Next meeting is on December 5 and will be our Holiday Breakfast.

Meeting was closed 10:40 with no further comments.

Attendance:

Al Sczweck
Anne Schiadaresis
Ed Hoff
Myrna Pinckney
Adrienne Keaton
Ellen Leinfuss
Donna Scalia
Sheri Williams
Emily Viola
Ellen Kurtz
Roseanne Anthony
Bert Kormann